



Community Relations Board

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**Community Relations Board
General Meeting**

Thursday, June 12, 2008

2nd Floor Conference Room
5:30pm – 7pm

**FINAL
Minutes**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Gerike and began at 5:35pm.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Jessica Hermann-Wilmarth, John Garry, Kevin Ford, James Rodbard, Steven Gerike, Orman Gordon

Members Not Present: Mary Watson (unexcused)

Visitors: Members of *Michigan Organizing Project (MOP)* and *Kalamazoo Homeless Action Network (KHAN)*

Others Present: Alfrelynn Roberts (City Liaison), David Anderson (Commission Liaison), Deb Droppers (The Event Company)

III. Public Comment

Ms. Moore addressed CRB regarding immigrant issues. Other MOP and KHAN members addressed CRB with issues regarding the unlawful arrests of homeless people. CRB will continue to review information as well as ordinances implemented by other municipalities.

IV. Approval of Agenda – June 12, 2008

Approved with amendment

V. Approval of Minutes – May 8, 2008

Approved without amendment

VI. Discussion of Agenda Items

A. Immigrant Resolution Letter

Ms. Hermann-Wilmarth will write letter of support to City Commission on behalf of CRB. CRB agreed to support resolution with an amendment to be submitted to the City Commission. CRB acknowledges and recognized the need for a diverse community and will encourage the City Commission to adopt a comprehensive plan with regard to the immigration issue.

B. Equal Rights Ordinance

Table until July

VII. On-Going Issues

A. Membership Recruitment (Bre Austin; Amber Colegrove; Doris Jackson)

Two of the three individuals were interviewed by CRB. (One person did not attend.)

B. Discuss Candidates (Brent Hepp; Jeffrey Kinney; Bre Austin; Amber Colegrove; Doris Jackson)

All five candidates were discussed. CRB voted to accept Brent Hepp and Bre Austin. With the addition of these two individuals, CRB is at full capacity.

C. Community Forums

CRB discussed a plan and schedule to accommodate five community forums. Group will schedule work sessions to determine the format of the meetings. Consultant will confirm dates and places for each session.

VIII. Community Involvement

No Discussion

IX. Other Business/Announcements

No Discussion

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

DATE: Thursday, July 10, 2008 · **LOCATION:** Community Room (Room 202) – City Hall 2nd Floor · **TIME:** 5:30pm – 7pm